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In re Application of:  
**Shankar Pal, et al.**

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Examiner: **Jacob F. Betit**

For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR STORING AND RETRIEVING XML DATA  
ENCAPSULATED AS AN OBJECT IN A DATABASE STORE**

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Sir:

**REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.111**

In response to the Official Action dated **December 23, 2010**, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and/or remarks as indicated below:

- ☐ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.
- ☒ **Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.
- ☐ **Request For Refund** submitted herewith.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, associated with this application in connection with this filing, or any future filing, submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office during the pendency of this application, to Deposit Account No. 23-3050.